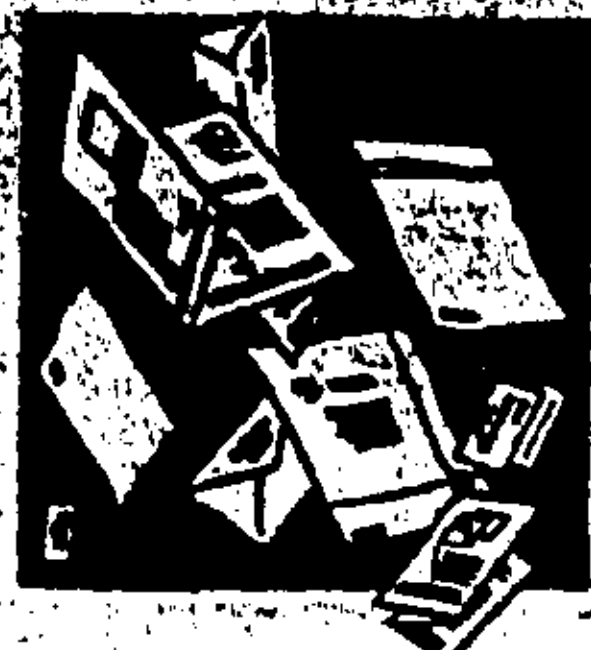




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ROGERS SILVER MISSION TO CHINA RECEIVES SEVERE CRITICISM

MURDER TRIAL

WONG PUT BACK TO THE NEXT SESSIONS

Jury Fail To Agree On Verdict.

CASE WITH "AMERICAN TRAGEDY" FACTS IN IT

Being unable to come to a definite conclusion in the case against Wong Ma-chow for murdering a Chinese woman grass-cutter, Ng Lai-pin, the jury were discharged, and the prisoner put back until the next Sessions, subject of any directions of the Attorney General, when the trial concluded before the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney-General, prosecuted and Mr. R. C. H. Lim, instructed by Mr. Peter Sin, was counsel for the accused.

The jury comprised of Messrs. S. J. C. Stansbury (foreman), J. K. Leghorn, L. Altree, J. Ormiston, J. C. Gutierrez, A. W. Haywood and A. Millar.

Mr. Fraser closed the case for the Crown with the evidence of the visit to Queen's Pier this morning, where the accused's sampan was inspected.

THIED TO SAVE HER. The accused in evidence, said that the woman's husband left him in charge of his wife before leaving for the country.

On the morning of February 27, they were on their way to cut grass near Lantao Island with the deceased and two men.

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HENRY KESWICK UNSUCCESSFUL

Russian Freighter Still On Reef.

SPECIAL SALVAGE GEAR BEING SENT

Three attempts to tow the Russian freighter, Kuznetsov, off the reef near Pratas Shoals, have proved unsuccessful.

The sister ship of the stranded vessel arrived on the scene three days ago and assisted the Kowloon Dock salvage tugboat, Henry Keswick, in trying to dislodge the vessel. The Henry Keswick is reported to have made two solo efforts, and was assisted by the sister ship in a third effort which also proved fruitless.

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EMPLOYMENT IN EUROPE

Big German Advance Reported.

London, To-day. Employment in Europe generally, last year, was barely improved as compared with the peak year of unemployment, in 1932, according to the statistics of the British Labour Ministry.

The British figures improved by 25,000, the German figures by 250,000, and the French figures by 100,000, whereas the position in Holland, Italy and Austria has deteriorated.

U.S. Navy Bills FAVOURED. The Senate and House of Representatives conferred here agreed on the provisions of the Vinson and Trammell Naval Bills, authorising the construction of a treaty strength fleet of 102 ships and 1,184 aeroplanes. United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

15 PER. CENT REDUCTION IN WAGES

Decision Of U. S. Railway Manager's Conference

Washington, To-day. The Railway Managers' Conference here has decided to demand a 15 per cent. reduction in wages to become effective on July 1. They have, however, left the door open for further negotiation on the proposal for a continued 10 per cent. reduction.

BYRNS OPPOSES DIES BILL

Believes Administration Are Against It.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL. (By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 20, 1.58 a.m.)

Washington, To-day. Representative Byrns yesterday stated that the House of Representatives would not act on the Dies Bill.

He said that he was inclined to oppose the Dies Bill as he believed the Administration was opposed to it.

Mr. Fiesinger said that he had agreed to delay his Bill so that the silver advocates might concentrate on the passage of the Dies Bill.

United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

DIES BILL PASSED IN HOUSE.

Uncertain Fate In The Senate.

Washington, To-day. The Dies Bill yesterday passed the House of Representatives by 257 votes to 112.

It now goes to the Senate where its fate is uncertain, because of Mr. Henry Morgenthau's opposition action. At present, sponsors of the Bill, however, predict no difficulty in the Senate.

The Dies Bill authorises a premium of 25 per cent. on foreign silver used for the purchase of American agricultural products.

The Fiesinger Bill authorises the Government to purchase 1,500,000,000 ounces of silver at the current market price.—Reuter.

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U.S. NAVY BILLS FAVOURED.

102 Ships And 1,184 Aeroplanes.

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THREATENED STEVEDORE STRIKE IN AMERICA

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL. (By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 20, 10.43 a.m.)

The National Labour Board here are making strenuous efforts to forestall the threatened stevedore strike. United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy generally, moderate north wind, with occasional rain, was the weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory, this morning.

WHEELER AND BORAH OUTBURSTS

INFORMATION ALREADY POSSESSED

MORGENTHAU OPPOSED

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL. (By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 20, 7.44 a.m.)

Washington, To-day. The United States Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, states that he has appointed Professor James Harvey Rogers to survey the Chinese silver situation.

Prof. Rogers will visit China to study how higher silver would affect Chinese-American trade, and is expected to sail soon. The date will be announced later.

Mr. Morgenthau pointed out that one group believes that an increased silver price will stimulate exports from the United States to China, while another group thinks that an increased price will force China to curtail her imports.

Prof. Rogers will seek to find which one is right. His mission is to get information, only; he will not act as official negotiator. United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

Scheme Will Prevent Legislation.

REAL PICTURE CANNOT BE OBTAINED

Wheeler's Outburst

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL. (By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 20, 8.36 a.m.)

Washington, To-day. Senator Wheeler states, "The trip of Professor Rogers to China for the purpose of making a study of the Chinese silver situation will be used by the Administration against any real silver legislation this session."

"How can he get a real picture of the effect on the Orient of an increase in the price of silver?" "Ninety per cent. of the Chinese are illiterate and the manufacturers are piling up huge fortunes from the low prices of silver." United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

Termed "The Height Of Asininity."

ROGERS MISSION ACCUSED OF BEING PREJUDICED

Information Already Possessed

Washington, To-day. Prof. Rogers mission to China has been vigorously assailed by the silver advocates. Senator Wheeler termed it "the height of asininity."

He is being sent to the Orient, and he is starting with a prejudice against doing anything for silver," he declared.

Senator King described the mission as a red herring and urged that the issue must not be kept to sleep.

Senator Borah urged Congress to prevent definite legislation. "We must not postpone the decision indefinitely in person information we already possess."

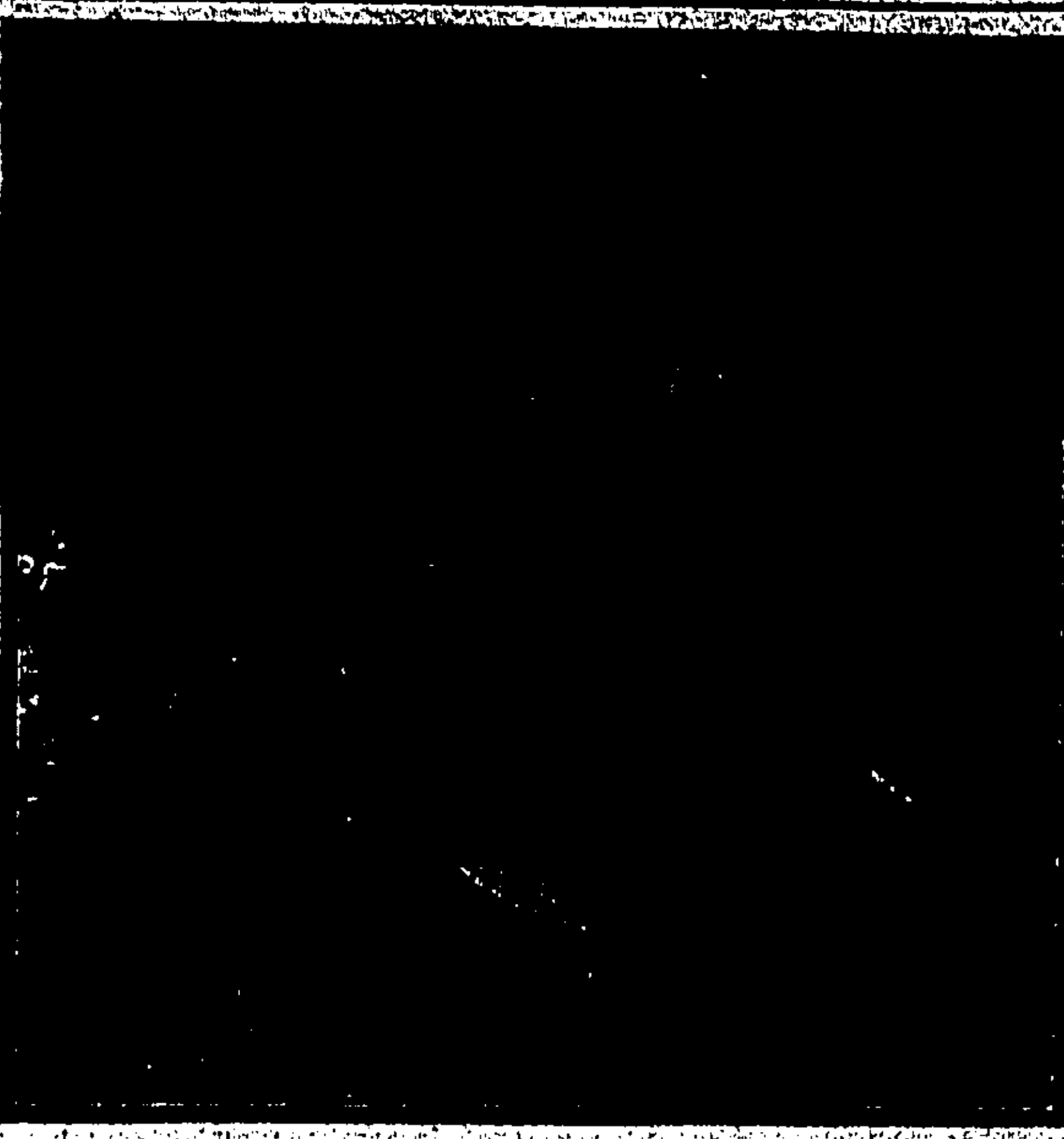
Senator Wheeler, King and Wheeler are making strenuous efforts to forestall the threatened stevedore strike. United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

TREASURY REPORT ON THE MINT.

829,809 Ounces Of Silver In Week.

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Washington, To-day. The United States Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, states that he has appointed Professor James Harvey Rogers to survey the Chinese silver situation.



Prince Sigvard, second son of the Crown Prince of Sweden, with Fraulein Erika Patzek, the German screen actress, with whom he eloped to London. The romance was strongly opposed by the King of Sweden and the Crown Prince, but all efforts to persuade the Prince not to go on with the marriage, failed.

GOD NOT STATE IN GERMANY

Hitler Decrees States Must Disappear.

ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTION

Munich, To-day. "The hand of the Almighty is plainly revealed in his marvellous recognition of our nation as soon as it realised itself," declared Chancellor Hitler, speaking at the anniversary celebration of the revolution.

He said that God had made the German race and tribes not States, therefore States must disappear and the map become uni-coloured. — Reuter.

MYSTERY BOAT AND INSULL

Whereabouts Now Unknown.

"HUSBAND IS WELL."

Athens, To-day. The exact whereabouts of the Greek steamer, s.s. Malotos, remains a mystery since the ship departed from here, carrying the American ex-ambassador, Mr. Samuel Insull.

At least six countries are reported to be Mr. Insull's destination.

The Malotos was last reported to be zig-zagging in the Mediterranean Sea, in very heavy weather. Wireless messages have been picked up offering Mr. Insull refuge in both Rumania and the Soviet.

Mrs. Insull has received a radio-gram, merely stating that her husband is well.—Reuter.

GOLD CLAUSE INVALID.

Anticipated Action Of Polish President

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Warsaw, To-day. It is reliably reported that the Polish President, Ignacy Mościcki, will declare the gold clause invalid.

The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, in a statement to the workers, has declared that it is up to them, say whether they wanted to surrender to the professional labour leaders and that it is their own right to deal with the management of their companies, and calls attention to the recent reduction in hours and the increases in wages.

A representative of the American Federation of Labour, in reply, said that if after an election held outside the plants and under the supervision of the National Recovery Administration, the workers voted in favour of company unions, "the other programme of representation by the American Federation of Labour, will bow its way out of the picture."—Reuter.

SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE DISCUSSED

Extra \$1,000,000 Raised In The Commons.

NO SINISTER DESIGNS

London, To-day.

Several speakers sought information on the Singapore base in the course of the report stage of the Navy estimates, in the House of Commons, yesterday.

The Labour member for Aberdare, Mr. George Hall, asked whether the recent Naval Conference at Singapore was responsible for the extra \$1,000,000 for buildings, repairs, and lands.

The Civil Lord of the Admiralty, Captain D. Evan Wallace, replied that the sum to be spent at Singapore was even now below the original estimates which, in 1923, was about \$14,000,000.

The Conference, he said, was not connected with the increased estimates, and there were no sinister designs regarding Singapore.

The extra sum was required for equipment and electrical works. The idea that the Singapore base was a threat to anybody was a sheer delusion, he concluded.

The House approved the vote.—Reuter.

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LADY SPEAKS AT ROTARY

Well-Known American Radio Lecturer.

CAPT. LAW ON CHARTS

A stirring address on world affairs, economic problems, and American democracy was given by Miss Melinda Alexander, a lady guest at the weekly Rotary tiffin held at Gloucester Building to-day.

Miss Alexander, who is a tourist on board the Empress of Britain, is a well-known radio lecturer on the New York radio. An exclusive interview with the China Mail will be found on Page 9.

Mr. T. B. Wilson, president and among the guests present were Miss M. Alexander, Mr. C. H. Hoagland, of New York, Colonel J. Wolfson, of Manila, Rotarian E. Boffa, of Turin, Italy, Dr. A. Lewellyn, of Calcutta, Mr. W. A. Dally, Mr. W. L. McKenna, and Rotarian Hogston of Singapore.

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VISIT OF JAPANESE VICE-ADMIRAL

Formal Calls Made This Morning.

H.E. ON BOARD "IDZUNO"

Vice-Admiral Shimjiro Imamura, who arrived here yesterday on board the Japanese cruiser Idzumo, came ashore this morning at 10 o'clock, to make his official call on His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, C.M.G., K.C.M.G.

He was accompanied by his staff, and was met by the Hon. Mr. J. H. M. de Silva, M.P., and the Hon. Mr. J. H. M. de Silva, M.P., and the Hon. Mr. J. H. M. de Silva, M.P.

The Vice-Admiral then proceeded to the Government House, where he was met by the Hon. Mr. J. H. M. de Silva, M.P., and the Hon. Mr. J. H. M. de Silva, M.P., and the Hon. Mr. J. H. M. de Silva, M.P.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report, and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1933, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th to the 21st day of March 1934, both days inclusive.

Hong Kong, 28th Feb. 1934.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 27th March 1934, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1933.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to the 27th March 1934, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 27th March 1934.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 26th March, 1934, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1933.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th to 26th March, 1934, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th March, 1934.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room, 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 21st March, 1934, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1933; electing Directors and Auditors; and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 12th March, 1934, until WEDNESDAY, 21st March, 1934, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 28th February, 1934.

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BRIDGE NOTES

When Great Players Get Together.

by Ely Culbertson.

When four master players get together, it seems that there is no limit to the new tricks and brilliant coups which sparkle through the course of their bidding and play. It is always a pleasure to play in such a game or watch it, for the skill exceeds mere technical soundness and reaches into the realms of the higher psychology.

I have seldom seen a more fascinating series of expert plays, all of which were based upon the finest sort of analysis, than those which came about when the hand which I am giving in full below was played. After a succession of stereotyped deals, whose drabness had almost discouraged me from further kibitzing, suddenly after the usual sort of deal and commonplace bidding, this situation developed, and my faith in the delight of watching strong games was restored.

East Dealer.
East and West vulnerable.

North:
S—K 8 6 4 3
H—A Q
D—7 6 5 2
C—A 6

West:
S—
H—9 8 6 5 4 2
D—A 3
C—J 10 9 8 2

East:
S—J 10 7 5
H—K J 7
D—Q 8 4
C—K Q 3

South:
S—A Q 9 2
H—10 8
D—K J 10 9
C—7 5 4

The bidding: (Figure after bid refers to numbered explanatory paragraph).

South	West	North	East	Pass
1 S	Pass	3 S	Pass	
3NT (1)	Pass	4 S	Pass	
Pass	Pass			

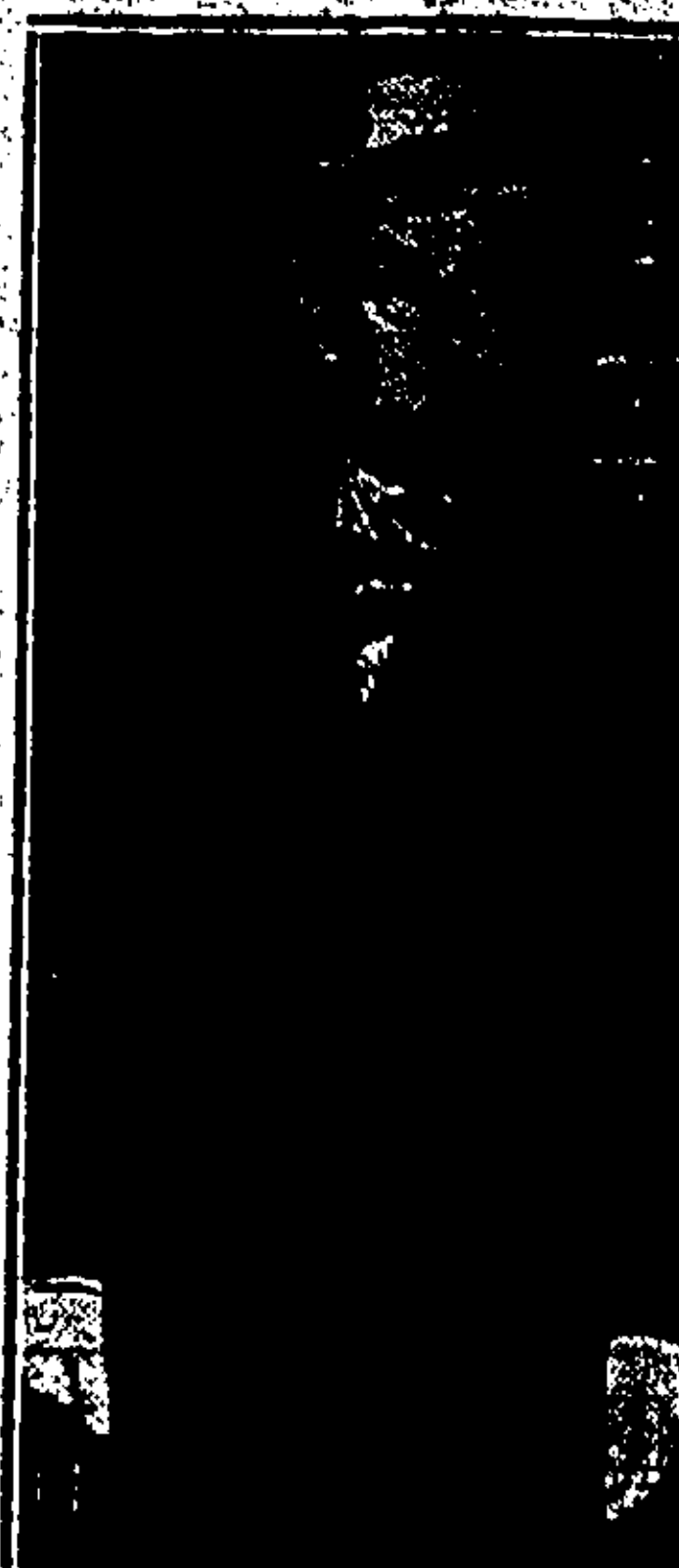
1—South had as near to a minimum bid as it is possible to hold; his only added value lay in the fact that the diamond Ten and nine gave body to his second suit; but he knew that North's three-spade bid might have been a maximum hand with 6 playing-tricks and, being vulnerable, he decided that he would gamble on a game contract, which a successful finesse might possibly allow him to fulfill.

West opened the Knave of clubs. Dummy played the Ace, and East unblocked by throwing the Queen, preparing for West to regain the lead on the second round of clubs and lead a heart. South's chances looked fairly encouraging, since as good as a 3-1 division of the outstanding spades and a successful finesse in either hearts or diamonds would hold his losses to three tricks. He was not the type to take chances, however, and made the proper safety play of leading the King of spades from Dummy, so that in case all four spades happened to be in the East hand, he could pick them up without the loss of a trick. This, incidentally, is a play most people are prone to overlook, yet it cannot lose, and often is the only means of gaining a trick.

East had done his thinking on the first lead. Since nine spades were in sight, he knew that South held the other four, and thus he could tell exactly what South's four spades were. He knew that his partner would reveal his void on this lead, and that South would then have a double finesse position to the A Q 9 over his own J 10 7. Therefore he threw the Ten of spades on the first lead.

This play is not far-fetched, for it cannot lose, and in the present case it was the only means of defeating the contract (as East had foreseen that it might be). South now had every reason to think that the spade suit would be divided no worse than 2-2, and he wished to retain every possible entry to Dummy in case his contract should depend on a finesse for the Queen of diamonds, and East should hold it. He led the three times, South's dummy was unblocked by throwing the King of spades on the third round (as he thought) and he was left with an ultimate entry to Dummy. His hope was that East would not be able to follow suit on the fourth round, and he would be able to win the trick with the Ace of spades.

He's "Garbo-Less"



Rouben Mamoulian
The Twentieth Century Limited brought Rouben Mamoulian, Greta Garbo's screen director, and, according to many reports, her fiancé, to New York. But he told reporters rumours linking his name with the Swedish star were "childish," and denied she had made the journey East with him.

Radio

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

1-2 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
1.05 p.m.—Recorded music.
1.20 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.
1.30 p.m.—A relay of the Rotary Club Tiffin Speech from the Gloucester Restaurant—Captain E. F. B. Law, R.N., on "Charts: The Work of the Naval Surveying Service."

2 p.m.—Close Down.
Selections by the R.M.S. "Empress of Britain" Orchestra.
Studio Concert To-night.
4.30-7.30 p.m.—Chinese programme.
6.30-7 p.m.—Short-hand Lesson from the Studio.
7.30-10.30 p.m.—European programme.
7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc.

7.35-8 p.m.—From the Studio.
The 50th of a series of lessons in "Language" by the Rev. Mr. H. R. Wells.
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
8.5-9 p.m.—From the Studio.
Selections by the Orchestra of R.M.S. "Empress of Britain" directed by W. Stuart Jones.
9.10-10 p.m.—Concert From The Studio.

Programme
1. Songs
(a) If There Were Dreams to Sell (John Ireland)
(b) The Fairy Song (Boughton)
(c) Oh! Had I Jubal's Lyre (Handel)
Mrs. E. Snowdon-Jones (Soprano) accompanied by Mr. F. Mason.
2. Piano-forte
Two Pieces by Northern Composers
(a) Eroica (Sjorgren)
(b) Minuet (Kjerulf)
Mrs. Nura Kanis.
3. Songs
(a) Pieta, Signor (Stradella)
(b) In Haven (Elgar)
(c) Obstinata (de Fontenailles)
Mrs. Helen Lockhart accompanied by Mr. F. Mason (Contralto).
4. Songs
(a) Vulcan's Song from the Opera (Philemon et Baucis) (Gounod)
(b) Roadways (Herman Lohr)
Mr. W. H. Billing accompanied by Mrs. Nura Kanis (Baritone).
5. Piano-forte
(a) Troika (Tchakowski)
(b) Perpetuo Mobile (Weber)
6. Songs
(a) Brittany (Farrar)
(b) The Fightingale Haas a Lyre of Gold (Whitely)
(c) When Lovers Meet Again (Parry)
Mrs. E. Snowdon-Jones accompanied by Mr. Mason.
7. Songs
(a) God Bless The Morning (Oliver)
(b) Halleluia (Sanderson)
Mr. W. H. Billing accompanied by Mrs. N. Kanis.
8. Songs
(a) Dream Valley (Quilter)
(b) The Lotus Flower (Schumann)
(c) Coucou (a French Folk-song) (O'Hara)
Mrs. Helen Lockhart accompanied by Mr. F. Mason.
10.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News.
Close Down.

shattered when West played the heart deuce. East now held the spade J 7 5, a perfect double four-choise over Dummy's 8 6 4 3 so East and West could win a spade trick in addition to the heart, diamond and club tricks, and South failed to fulfill his contract.

Only among the class of players could such a perfect situation have arisen. First, Dealer had to make the safety play in the spade suit. East had to make the right play in the heart suit. Then, South had to make the right play in the heart suit. Finally, East had to make the right play in the heart suit.

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Children's Playgrounds Association

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URGENT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

New Officials
The Second Annual General Meeting of the Children's Playgrounds Association was held last evening at the Public Works Department Board Room, Sir Thomas Southern, K.B.E., K.C.M.G., President, taking the Chair.

Those present were Dr. S. W. To's, O.B.E. LL.D., Vice President, Mr. Li Hoi Tung, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. L. McPherson, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. G. R. Sayer, N. L. Smith, E. G. Powell, N. Pryce, J. Grace Osorio, S. W. Ko, H. K. Lee, B. Wyllie, Tang Shui-kin, Li Chor Chi, E. W. Matthews, H. Botelho, M. K. Lo, and A. el Arculli.

In presenting the report of the Executive Committee Mr. M. K. Lo said that he would like to thank the Hon. Secretary, Mr. McPherson for the large amount of work he had done throughout the year. He said that his part of the work as Chairman of the Committee had been largely confined to signing and approving documents, whereas it was on the broad shoulders of Mr. McPherson that all the real work had fallen. The Committee had also received very valuable assistance from Mr. S. W. Ko. Mr. Lo concluded his address with a formal proposal that the report be adopted, which was second by Dr. To's.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Sir Thomas Southern, the President, said—Before putting the motion for the adoption of the report to the meeting I should like to say how gratified I am at the success which has attended our effort to launch the Children's Playgrounds Association; and at the support which has been given to us by the various Sporting and Athletic Clubs of the Colony, and by individual subscribers.

I am sure the meeting will be as pleased as I am to know that His Excellency has expressed his keen interest in our work, and, besides showing that interest in the practical form of a generous donation to our funds, he has very kindly consented to be the Patron of our Association, thereby setting the seal on our organisation. I know that I have your unanimous approval for asking His Excellency to accept the office of Patron, but I shall, as a mere matter of form, ask for your confirmation of my action at a later stage of our proceedings.

Waiting For Grounds

Development has necessarily been slow during the first year, because we had to wait while the grounds were prepared for us by the Government, and even now we have not obtained the full use of the large ground in Wanchai, which I hope will be one of our most successful playgrounds, as it could not be made ready until after the Chinese New Year Fair.

I hope our supporters will not think we have been slow to take advantage of their generous assistance. We have moved as quickly as circumstances permitted and a great deal of preparatory work has been done by our Executive Committee and our Hon. Secretary. We shall see the fruits of this in the current year. I hope those who are interested in our work will visit our grounds. They will see much to encourage them to give us further and increased support. They will, if they go at the popular hours, see hundreds of children enjoying themselves on safe playgrounds who otherwise would be playing in the streets or not playing at all.

There is nothing more pleasant than to see a crowd of children enjoying themselves, and I feel quite sure that every visitor will come away with a feeling that our work deserves support.

Appeal For Support

We need all the support we can get, we have spent nearly all our funds and without the subscription for the current year our work would be brought to a stop, and we have as yet touched only the fringe of the problem in our densely populated city. We look forward to the day when every thickly populated area will have its organised playground, and when we shall have enough directors to look after the games at each ground so that the poorer children may have their share of the joy of organised play on safe grounds. I therefore appeal confidently for continued support from the Sporting Clubs in the Colony and from individual sympathisers with our work. I should like to see a much larger list of individual subscribers.

The annual membership subscription for individuals is only \$10.00 which is not a very large sum to give to an object designed not only to provide enjoyment to hundreds of poor children, but also to make our roads safer for traffic.

I cannot close my remarks without expressing our very great indebtedness to the Executive Committee which, under the able Chairmanship of that excellent sportsman Mr. M. K. Lo, has put in so much effective work during the past year and above all to our Hon. Secretary Mr. J. L. McPherson. It is to Mr. McPherson's interest in the young people of this Colony that this Association owes its origin and it is his keen enthusiasm and experienced guidance that have brought it successfully through its first difficult year.

Gentlemen, with your continued support look forward confidently to the future success of the Association.

There being no further comment on the report it was adopted unanimously.

Governor As Patron
Sir Thomas Southern continued, "The next business is not on the agenda, but I should like formally to move that we invite His Excellency The Governor to honour the Association by becoming its Patron. This motion was seconded by Mr. McPherson and carried with applause."

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beat	A. A. Gray and G. A. White	10-
	A. E. P. Guest and F. A. Brown	10-
	bridge (St. Andrew's):	
lost	to Collins and Hamblly	6
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beat	Gray and White	15-
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Tsui has beaten Chiu Chu
Chiu, H. Owen Hughes, R. R.
Hoare, and G. R. M. Ricketts
his path to his first Final.
will meet either Ho Ka Lau
Tam Yoc Fong. Last year Ta
was eliminated in the Four
Round by S. A. Rumjahn, t
holder.

Miss Jean Dalziel, the captain of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey eleven, is leaving for Home on

tour. Communications from Shanghai as to the whereabouts of the team reveal that it is at present in New Zealand and will possibly pass through Hong Kong during the summer.

in the second half, sending in shots from all angles. Duncan, however, was surprisingly safe and cleared on each occasion. McLeellan also broke up many movements, but Hocquard on the left wing was very dangerous, and Garthwaite was able to level the scores.

The nineteenth annual athletic meeting of Queen's College will be held at Causway Bay on Saturday commencing at 10 a.m. Mr. N. Smith has kindly consented to open the day's sports.

MURDER TRIAL

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Witness referred to the conversation between the woman and himself in reference to her husband. She expressed a wish to run away and marry another man, and as he felt responsible to her husband for her actions, he quarrelled with her.

She got up and pulled him, holding his hands while she bit his left wrist. He shook her off with his left arm, and she accidentally fell into the water.

Witness maintained that he made all efforts to save her and turned the boat into a position so that the woman could be rescued.

He asserted that the other two men made no effort to assist him and sat still watching him.

Seeing that he could not get the boat near the woman, he became nervous and fell to the bottom of the boat. Witness added that a strong current was running at the time.

After half an hour they returned to Cheung Chau.

Swallowed Up in Darkness. Cross-examined, witness said that he only saw her for a second after she fell into the water because it was still dark at the time.

He repudiated the allegation that he had turned the boat away from the woman so that the two men could not reach her as "all nonsense, and that," no body would ever think of doing such a thing. He said he became excited when she fell into the water and he may not have acted calmly and correctly, but, whether right or wrong he did his best to save her.

His action in shaking her off when she bit him was done to avoid the pain and not in danger. Her tumble into the water was purely an accident.

Circumstantial Evidence. Mr. Fraser, addressing the jury, said that if accused's statements to the police and to the Lower Court were to be believed, with the evidence of his two companions, there was no doubt that accused had pushed, and had intended to push the deceased woman into the water.

Death could only be proved by circumstantial evidence. Two witnesses saw the woman in the water, and saw her sink, and no body has been her since.

Ng Could Not Be Believed.

Mr. Lim, for the defence submitted that the evidence of Ng Siu Cheun that accused pushed the woman overboard could not be believed. He was in the forepart of the boat, and had his back turned to the accused and the woman when she fell into the water. He stated further that Ng and the other man in the boat must have felt that they might be implicated as being accomplices, and this must have made them believe that if they put the blame on the accused they would get off.

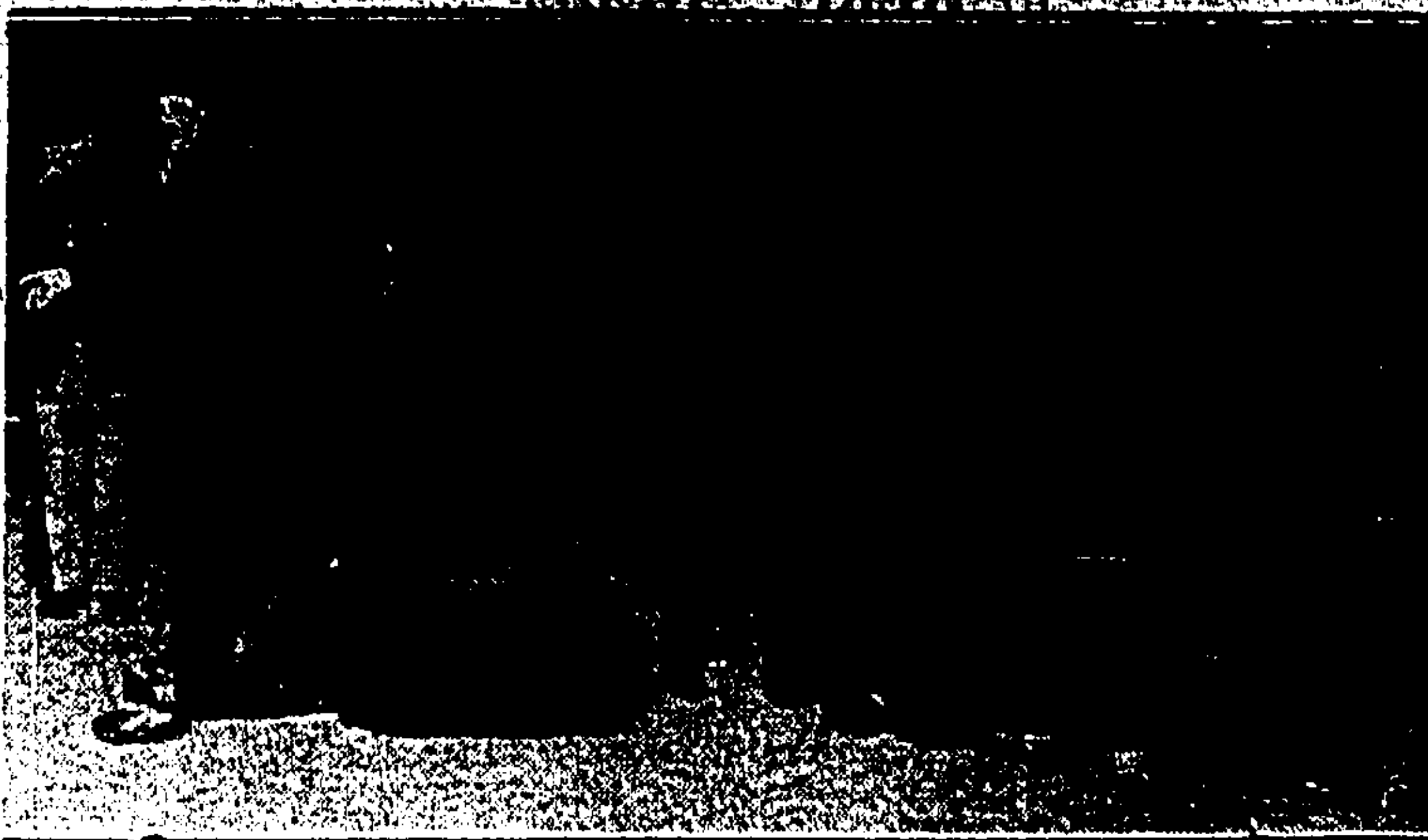
Mr. Lim also submitted that accused did his best to rescue the woman, and that, at the most, he would be guilty of manslaughter.

Referring to the theory that the woman was drowned, Mr. Lim drew the jury's attention to the theory of drowning—that a person must rise to the surface three times. Evidence had shown that she was only seen to sink once. He added that whichever way the current ran in the spot where she fell into the water the woman would be bound to be washed to come ashore, and that many fishing boats are always in the vicinity, and, as they have no lights, they would have been invisible from accused's boat. The evidence of the other two men in the boat that they saw the woman floating for 15 minutes would prove that she was possibly a swimmer, and she might have reached some boat or island.

Before concluding his case, Mr. Lim drew the attention of the jury to two cases in the past, where men had been convicted and hanged for murder, and, subsequently their supposedly-dead people had returned to their old haunts.

Judge Stands Up. His Lordship, in summing up, said "This case differs, and differs radically from the ordinary murder case. There is no body, and so there is no evidence, either medical or physical to prove death, but the absence of the body is no bar to the case for the prosecution. The jury would have to settle for themselves the matter of whether the woman was really dead, and they must remember the cases cited by Mr. Lim."

Sidewalk in Paris After Riot Battle



This picture, made in the wake of a police charge during recent riots in Paris, tells its own story. Anti-Government demonstrators who tried to storm the Chamber of Deputies are routed leaving many of their number strewn in the Place de la Concorde. Note how nonchalantly the man in centre picks his way through prostrate bodies. It is estimated that more than 1,000 persons were injured and 20 killed.

MRS GILL'S ASSAILANT SENTENCED

Taxi-Cab Drivers In Chase.

NINE MONTHS HARD AND BIRCH.

Sentence of nine months' hard labour in addition to 12 strokes of the birch was imposed on Ng Siu, a transient, for the attempted theft of a handbag from Mrs. Gill, of Palace Hotel Building, and for assaulting complainant, last Saturday evening in Pedder Street, in front of the Post Office.

Sub-Inspector Smith said that as Mrs. Gill was walking along the street, the accused struck her in the right eye, snatched away her handbag and ran towards the standing taxi-cabs.

Mrs. Gill gave chase, and was joined by taxi-drivers. The defendant then threw away the handbag and ran right into Inspector Nicholl.

Sub-Inspector Smith asked for a heavy sentence as Mrs. Gill had been insulted and might receive serious injuries to her eye.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

U.S.S. Ashville Arrives From Nanking.

The following warships are in port to-day, and are berthed as follows:—

Basin.—H. M. S. Tamar. South Wall.—H. M. S. Bruce. East Wall.—H. M. S. Cornflower, H. M. S. Folkestone, H. M. S. Herald.

West Wall.—H. M. S. Adventure, H. M. S. Bridgewater, H. M. S. Keppel, H. M. S. Witch.

North Arm.—H. M. S. Eagle. Dock.—H. M. S. Bruce, H. M. S. Perseus, H. M. S. Olympus.

Taikoo Dock.—H. M. S. Proteus. Cosmopolitan Dock.—H. M. S. Pandora.

No. 6 Buoy.—H. M. S. Cumberland. No. 7 Buoy.—H. M. S. Witsied, H. M. S. Wren.

No. 8 Buoy.—H. M. S. Wild Swan. No. 13 Buoy.—H. M. S. Verity.

Foreign.

U. S. River Gunboat Mindanao, and Ashville.

Japanese Cruiser Idzumo. Japanese Destroyers Asahi, Hiei, Sumire.

The jury must also remember that she fell into the water at a place where there was no land within fifteen minutes rowing, and witnesses were sure that there was no other boat near.

The jury must ask themselves why the accused did not tell the police when he was charged, and the Lower Court, the story that he had told them this morning, that he had been bitten and, in shaking off his attacker, he had accidentally pushed her into the water. Instead of which, he had made a voluntary statement that they had quarrelled and that he had killed her.

After a retirement of 10 minutes, the jury, being unable to come to a conclusion, were discharged, and the accused put back until next day, subject to any directions of the Attorney General.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

After evensong at St. John's Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. to-day, the annual Diocesan Conference Meeting will take place in the Cathedral Hall at 5.45 p.m.

Yau Chi, a room boy, charged before Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Police Court this morning, for attempted theft, was remanded for 24 hours.

Li Mak, of 59 First Street, ground floor, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries to his chest, which were said to have been inflicted by a coolie.

Ho Man, a returned banished, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, for returning to the Colony. Accused was banished last year for ten years.

Cheng Kam, driver of private car No. 331, was fined \$10 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning for overtaking a moving vehicle on a bend in Upper Albert Road, west of Government House, in a controlled area.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council will meet on Thursday afternoon, after the Council meeting. Votes totalling \$128,100 will be presented for approval.

Four cases of small-pox, two in Victoria and two imported, one case of diphtheria, and one case of meningitis, both from Victoria, are shown in the official return of cases of notifiable diseases for the 48 hours ended March 18.

Sentence of one month's imprisonment, in default \$25, was imposed on Tse Kow, driver of lorry 2870, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning for driving at 25 miles an hour in Stubb Road, and from Stubb Road to Morrison Gap Road at 30 miles an hour.

The Hong Kong branch of the League of Nations Society will hold their annual meeting on Friday at 5.15 p.m. in the Helena. May Institute. Business includes election of officers for 1934-35, Secretary's report, presidential address by the Rt. Rev. E. O. Hall and address by Professor R. Robertson.

The ground and first floors of 238 Sai Yeung Choi Street, Mongkok, were considerably damaged by fire yesterday afternoon, when the contents of the Hing Cheong paper store were destroyed. The Mongkok and Kowloon Fire Brigades subdued the outbreak soon after their arrival on the scene just after 12.30 p.m.

DANISH AIRCRAFT FROM BRITAIN.

Fleet For Copenhagen This Week

London, To-day. A fleet of De Havilland Dragon twin-engined machines, for use as light transport aeroplanes and occasionally for aerial survey work, and seven Tiger Moths, to serve as training aircraft, will be flown to Copenhagen by members of the Danish Royal Air Force, who have been here on a visit to the British Air Force.

PLEA OF INSANITY UNAVAILING

Chinese Sentenced To Five Years.

ATTACK ON WIFE

Convicted on a charge of wounding his wife, Chan Lai Ching, in Queen's Road Central on February 1, with intent to do bodily harm, Fung Po-wan, a Chinese, was sentenced to five years' hard labour by the Puisne Judge, Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Supreme Court yesterday. The prisoner was removed shouting and struggling from the dock.

The accused did not challenge the evidence that he struck his wife with a hatchet in Queen's Road Central, but pleaded that he was insane. Throughout his evidence he made irrelevant statements as to his wife's relations with foreigners, but was rebuked by the Judge who told him that a sense of grievance did not justify such a crime.

Surbat Khan, the Indian chauffeur, who stopped the accused from further assaulting the woman, was complimented by the Judge on behalf of the jury and the court.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and the jury comprised Messrs. J. P. Allgood (Foreman), Fernandez, A. R. McEachran, M. Bacci, A. dos Anjos Lopes, C. de Vieira Ribeiro and W. G. Williams.

ANDERSON CO'S FINAL PLAY.

"The Late Christopher Bean" To-night.

The third performance of the J. Grant Anderson production of the London Stage success "While Parents Sleep" was acclaimed a great success by a large and appreciative audience, at the King's Theatre last night.

Mr. Anderson was again outstanding as the un-crumbling Jerry, and Miss Vivian, as the puritanical Bubbles Thompson of Brixton, found her way to the hearts of the audience. Miss Anderson, as Lady Catering, excelled her charm once more, and pleased and amused the audience with her impersonation of a brilliant and haughty lady.

The final performance of this Company will be London's latest success "The Late Christopher Bean," which will be played at 9.30 o'clock to-night at the King's Theatre.

SECRET FORMULAE STOLEN.

Case Adjourned Until Tuesday.

Cheung Kwok-wai, an unemployed Chinese, was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with the theft of books and documents containing secret formulae from the Fung Keung Rubber Company on March 13.

The case was adjourned until next Tuesday. Mr. D. L. Bruce appeared for the defendant, while Mr. E. W. Hamilton appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Fung Keung Rubber Company, of 100, Desford Road, Minty, produced evidence that the accused had stolen the formulae.

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OBSTACLES TO FINAL IRISH SETTLEMENT

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Partition Of Ireland

But nothing I have heard or read disposes me to think that Great Britain will ever try to persuade, much less to compel, the North-Eastern Counties to throw in their lot with "Southern Ireland." Even those of my English acquaintances who contemplate with an equanimity I do not at all share the possible recognition of a Republic in the present Free State area, quite obviously regard this further step as unthinkable.

Yet it is precisely at this point that the gap between the Irish and British standpoint is widest.

Englishmen have heard so much of the contrast between the Protestant and Industrial North and the Catholic agricultural South, that their political separation appears the most natural thing in the world. To the Irishman the partition of this little island presents itself as wholly monstrous, an impediment to trade, a source of futile expenditure, a humiliation to national pride.

The fiercest Orangeman dislikes it hardly less than the most extreme Republican. Nevertheless, he holds and will hold to it, as in his belief a much smaller evil than the rule of Dublin, and nothing anyone in Dublin, or in Downing-street, can say will alter that fact.

Now it is characteristic of Mr. De Valera that he really believes "Ulster" to be not merely the historical creation of former British policy (as it is), but also to-day its humble and obedient servant (which it is not).

As anyone who has ever been brought in contact with him must know, he has many great qualities; but one essential element in the make-up of a practical statesman he lacks in singular degree. He never has the remotest idea what is in the minds of other people.

Forcing Ulster To "Come In"

He can produce a hundred plausible arguments in support of his view of Ulster. But I am sure that to the day of his death he will never have the least notion what Ulstermen really think or feel. "I shall therefore," he might say, "surprised if he does not make it a condition precedent to any final settlement that England shall oblige Ulster to 'come in'—to accept the partition of Ireland as it stands."

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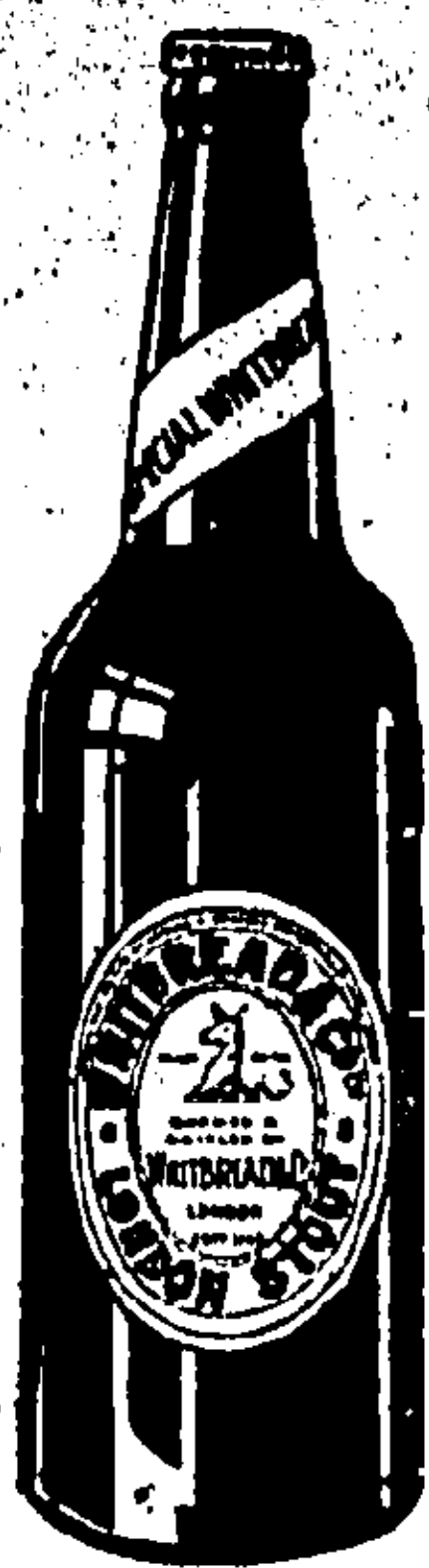
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30 Industrials	101.65	92.08	1.97 down
20 Rails	48.40	47.21	1.19 down
20 Utilities	26.33	25.68	.65 down
40 Bonds	98.40	98.12	.28 down
Commodity			
Index	140.8	133.51	.57 down
Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Co. Report.—The labour position is almost the sole topic of discussion and we think that this situation is responsible for most of the selling.			
So far, we can see no signs of stabilisation to-day. What Weak in sympathy with stocks. The latest North-American statistics were more bullish. Receipts were light and there was a better milling demand. Cotton: Falling prior to the passage of the Bankhead Bill was rather general and this caught stop-loss orders. After the passage of the Bill, the market rallied and then selling re-appeared, including some from the South. Silver: Early in the day trade was quiet, awaiting the outcome of the vote by the House of the Silver Bill. The postponement of the Foraker Bill has had little or no effect. The Trade apparently being more interested in the outcome of the vote by the House of the Silver Bill. The House of the Silver Bill. The postponement of the Foraker Bill has had little or no effect. The Trade apparently being more interested in the outcome of the vote by the House of the Silver Bill.			
After the close of the market, Business Done—\$10,000 shared.			

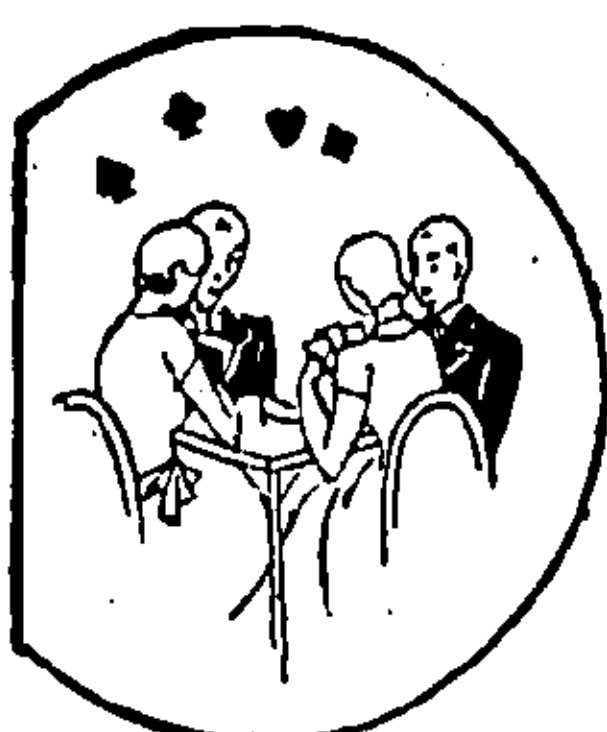


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Lancashire And Japan.

Mr. Richard Bond, President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, quoted some figures recently which should help the cotton industry and the general public to view the problem of Japanese competition in its right perspective. Without minimizing the grave danger for Lancashire entailed by the recent expansion of Japanese cotton exports, artificially stimulated by a depreciated currency, he was able to show that of the loss of trade between 1928 and 1932, amounting to some 180,000,000 yards, only about one-third can be definitely attributed to Japanese competition. In India in particular, whereas Lancashire during that period has lost over 940,000,000 yards, the increase of Japanese exports only amounted to 287,000,000 yards. The difference between these two figures must therefore be attributed to two factors — a decrease in the consumption of the Indian people owing to the depression, and an increase in their consumption of cloth produced at home. Even when seen through such sober eyes the menace of Japanese competition is sufficiently disturbing; and in the four lines of action which he laid down for the recovery of Britain's lost export trade Mr. Bond gave first place to the solution of the Japanese problem. He also recommended the conclusion of agreements with countries both within and without the Empire to secure stable markets for home cotton goods; and lastly an improvement in internal efficiency — a delicate subject upon which, in view of recent events, he, no doubt, felt it wise to touch rather lightly. A good deal of dissatisfaction has lately been expressed in Lancashire at the manner in which the Manchester Chamber of Commerce has been handling the Japanese question. As a recent meeting showed, there are still people who persist in thinking in terms of the big stick. But it would be a mistake to suppose that the Chamber itself has been remiss in its efforts to solve this very difficult problem. Negotiations with the Japanese delegates for a voluntary restriction of Japanese cotton exports have at last begun after many weeks' delay, and there was never any doubt that the representatives of the Chamber would put Lancashire's case no less forcibly and skilfully than the British Cotton Delegation to India last summer, which scored such a notable triumph in the field of commercial diplomacy. Though the long-run Lancashire case is not yet won, the Japanese competition

can be entirely eliminated in this manner, there is every reason to suppose that the Japanese delegates will realize that it is in their own best interests to avoid world-wide hostility by moderating the artificial expansion of their export trade. In the meantime, notwithstanding the severity of the trials through which it is passing, the industry would do well to have patience and to employ the hour of need in laying the foundation for reorganization — a word which still has too unfriendly a sound to many Lancashire ears. Reorganization cannot by itself immediately conquer the temporary advantages gained by the Japanese through the depreciation of their currency. Yet without it whatever success the Japanese negotiations may eventually bring forth must largely be wasted.

The Doctrine of Exercise.

How much can be accomplished by physical training was made plain during the War, when large numbers of apparently underdeveloped young men were transformed within a few months. The lesson, learned indeed long before but to some extent forgotten, has not this time been wasted. As the preface written by Sir George Newman to the revised syllabus of physical training of the Board of Education shows, there is a growing appreciation throughout Britain of the importance of regular and systematized exercise in the training of children. The Board of Education began to devote attention to physical training as long ago as 1904. Experience has suggested many improvements in the methods then adopted, but it has also confirmed the ideas upon which the first official syllabus was based. Sir George lay special stress on posture, contending that good posture is necessary for good health and for complete physical development, since it makes the body more useful, skilful, and beautiful, and since, in addition, it helps to produce a self-respect and therefore a self-confidence. "The child," he writes, "who has learnt to stand straight and hold his head up has, other things being equal, a better chance of making his way in life than his stooping, weak-kneed brother." At the same time, however, he sounds a note of warning which certainly deserves careful and constant attention. Physical training, he urges, "cannot exert its full effect unless certain conditions have been fulfilled. The child must be of good stock, it must have been carefully nurtured, it must have been carefully trained, it must be in receipt of adequate nourishment, and it must be in a state of good health and vigor." Now, who would dispute the effect of these

**HERE, THERE,
and
EVERYWHERE**

R. I. F. Barred
The Calico Printers' Association, the 38,000,000 textile combine, are not taking part in the British Industries Fair at the White City. In previous years they have been one of the largest exhibitors in the Fair.

Instead, they have held a private exhibition of their products in London, to which their customers were invited.

Some half dozen other textile firms have also withdrawn from the Fair this year.

Two Reasons

An official of the Association stated that there were two reasons for their change in policy.

The first was that the date of the fair was too late for them to fill the orders which they obtained in time for the Spring season.

The second was that the crash of visitors at the White City made it difficult for them to give as much individual attention to their customers as they wished.

The firms in question attempted last March to have the date of the fair put forward.

In view of the great number of other industries involved the Department of Overseas Trade decided that the change was impossible.

Your Daily Smile.

THE SUMMER STRUGGLE

"We should retain the Ashes," says a writer. "Without Hobbs or Fender?"

HA! HA!

The fishing fleets have to go further and further away from our coast to catch the migratory flatfish; so it is true after all that no place like home.

Sunday After Thought for Husbands.

A man is not always a bigamist because he has one wife too many.

ALTERNATIVES

An architect says London's traffic problem will never be solved until Charing Cross is moved to the other side of the river.

Unless of course, we move the river to the other side of Charing Cross.

SOLEMN THOUGHT

Many a man's peace of mind has been ruined by a piece of his wife's mind.

LIFE'S CERTAINTIES

When a man sets out to be master in his own house or know the reason why, he soon knows the reason why.

Facts You Did Not Know.

For keeping food warm a utensil has been invented with a center section to be filled with boiling water.

A gliding plane with a wing spread of more than 90 feet has been built in Germany for an Austrian aviator.

Salts contained in a new paint for decorative purposes crystallize into lines that form designs as it dries.

in cases in which some of these conditions were absent will doubt the wisdom of insisting upon them. The benefit which the body derives from exercise is expressed in a response or reaction to that exercise — a counter-attack, so to speak, against the buffeting of the outside world. If the counter-attack is hampered or is wanting in strength, then a condition is apt to develop in which exercise may do more harm than good. Trainers are familiar with this condition in highly trained men when training has been pushed too far or too quickly. Children cannot give what they have not received. Thus the progress of physical training depends, in large measure, upon progress in other directions. Health is a complex of many good elements, and any one of these is wanting if the others are necessarily robbed of a part of their advantage.

**OBSTACLES TO FINAL
IRISH SETTLEMENT
DE VALERA CONCEDES
NOTHING**

DISPUTES WITH BRITAIN

(By Hugh Law.)

This article deals with the position of Irish politics to-day, as sensed by a keen and well-informed observer. Mr. Hugh Law, the son of a former Lord Chancellor of Ireland, has long been associated with Irish affairs. As a Nationalist, M.P., he represented West Donegal in the House of Commons from 1902 till 1918, and subsequently was for five years a Member of the Dail.

Dublin.

Returning to Dublin after an absence of some months, I seem to detect a definite quickening of the political pulse. When I was last here the Opposition had evidently made up its mind to await the slow reawakening of the electorate to the realities of the situation. Argument had failed. The Parliamentary position was slightly less favourable than before the late General Election. There was nothing for it but to let Time teach.

In the interval, however, three things have happened to renew interest in Irish affairs on both sides of the Channel.

The first is the growth of the Blue Shirt movement, leading to that threatened conflict between the Executive and the Judiciary which close observers had foreseen.

The second is the introduction of a Redistribution of Seats Bill, involving a considerable reduction in the membership of the Dail. Inevitably this provoked talk of an early General Election.

Third, and most generally interesting, is the renewed hope of a settlement of the outstanding disputes with Great Britain.

But for some other indications, I should be inclined to dismiss this last at once, as merely consequent upon Mr. Thomas's statement to the effect that the door had not been closed against the Free State, and the resolution passed in the Irish Senate calling for immediate resumption of the negotiations.

Mr. De Valera's public speeches do not suggest that he is at all disposed to depart from his familiar attitude towards either the Land Annuities controversy or the larger issue of Ireland's relations with the British Commonwealth.

Nevertheless, it may well be that these do not represent quite the whole of the truth. I find in rather unexpected quarters the belief that while much less dissatisfied than are most of his countrymen with the economic consequences of the quarrel since, as he has often said, this itself helps to precipitate a social revolution regarded by him as in itself desirable — Mr. De Valera is yet sincerely anxious for a better understanding with Great Britain.

Mr. De Valera's

Growing Alarm

If my informants are right, such an understanding would embrace not merely the original disputes about Land Annuities, but also the larger constitutional issues that have become involved with it. Mr. De Valera is said to be increasingly alarmed by the growth of disorderly elements in the country, and in particular by the extent to which the I.R.A. has of late years been infected by Communist ideas.

His hostility towards the Blue Shirt movement is represented as largely due to his belief that without this open challenge the I.R.A. ignored as far as possible by the Government, would tend to disappear. This is unquestionably the official view of his party. Whether it is well founded is, of course, quite another matter.

That any move from the Irish side towards a renewal of negotiations would be welcomed in Great Britain seems to admit of no doubt whatever. I have myself been gratified in conversation with English friends to find with how little rancour they regard the events of the past two years. I have been surprised also to find how far most of them, including men who, before 1914, fought fiercely against the military of Home Rule proposals, are now prepared to go in order to bring about a settlement of the long-standing disputes and good will between the two peoples.

Irish Government for refusing to submit the issue to an international tribunal. Some do not even jib at the name "Republic" holding that the arms of the Commonwealth are wide enough to embrace even this.

The Difficulties

Are Enormous

It would, therefore, seem that Mr. De Valera's favourite solution of "external association" is not so hopelessly impracticable as I and others have thought. These are, of course, the views of individuals, but are perhaps worth notice as indicating currents of opinion which may have to be reckoned with.

If they seem extravagant it may yet be well to remind ourselves to how many revolutionary changes, within and without the Empire, public opinion has become reconciled during these post-war years.

I am myself very far from expecting an early or an easy settlement. Given all possible goodwill on both sides, the difficulties are enormous.

It is hard, for example, to think of two men less naturally fitted to understand one another than Mr. Thomas and Mr. De Valera.

Having some acquaintance with both, I cannot imagine Mr. Thomas taking any but somewhat short and severely practical views of any situation. Equally I cannot think of Mr. De Valera as capable either of fixing his mind for ten minutes together on the present and immediate future, or of envisaging any problem otherwise than in terms of the abstract and the absolute.

Their bodies may be in the same room; but, as a wise observer (one, too, in close contact with affairs) was lately reported to me as saying, their minds can never meet "in time, space, or eternity."

Supposing, however, these discordant personalities to be somehow reconciled, and an agreement reached on the financial issue, I very much doubt if any final settlement of the larger problem can be reached with Mr. De Valera.

As I see it, Ulster still blocks the way. On any other point accommodation may be possible.

The British Government has repeatedly made it clear that no merely monetary difficulty will be allowed to stand in the way. Indeed, it is quite plain that the longer the dispute lasts, the less prospect there is that Land Annuities will ever again be paid in full into either the Irish or the British Exchequer.

That the right of appeal from the Irish courts to his Majesty in Council will ever be restored is even less probable. Then the distinction between Free State and Republic has worn very thin indeed.

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**SMART WORK BY
POLICE.**

**Chinese Girl Thief
Arrested Quickly.**

UNCLE PUTS UP BOND.

Young Sau-yang, a Chinese girl, was brought before Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Police Court this morning, charged with the stealing of jewellery and money valued at \$224 from Miss Daisy Leung, a student of 41 D'Aguiar Street, second floor, last evening.

Detective-sergeant Minty said that at 5 p.m. Miss Leung reported the theft and circulars were sent out to all police stations. The accused was arrested at 8 p.m. All the jewellery was recovered, but \$80 of the money is missing.

Mr. C. E. Lowe, on behalf of the defendant, pleaded "guilty" and placed a plea for leniency. Accused's uncle appeared in court and said that he was willing to put up a bond for her. She was bound over for a year and \$500 to the good behavior of a police officer. The judge said that the girl was a good girl and that the judge would not punish her for a first offence.

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Shanghai, To-day.
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Today's Short Story.

**By Norah
Burke.**

[illegible]

"Wolf Finnigan, I arrest you for the murder of a man not yet identified, at Maple Common, on Tuesday, the sixth day of June of this year. And it is my duty to warn you that anything you say will be taken down in writing and may be given as evidence at your trial."

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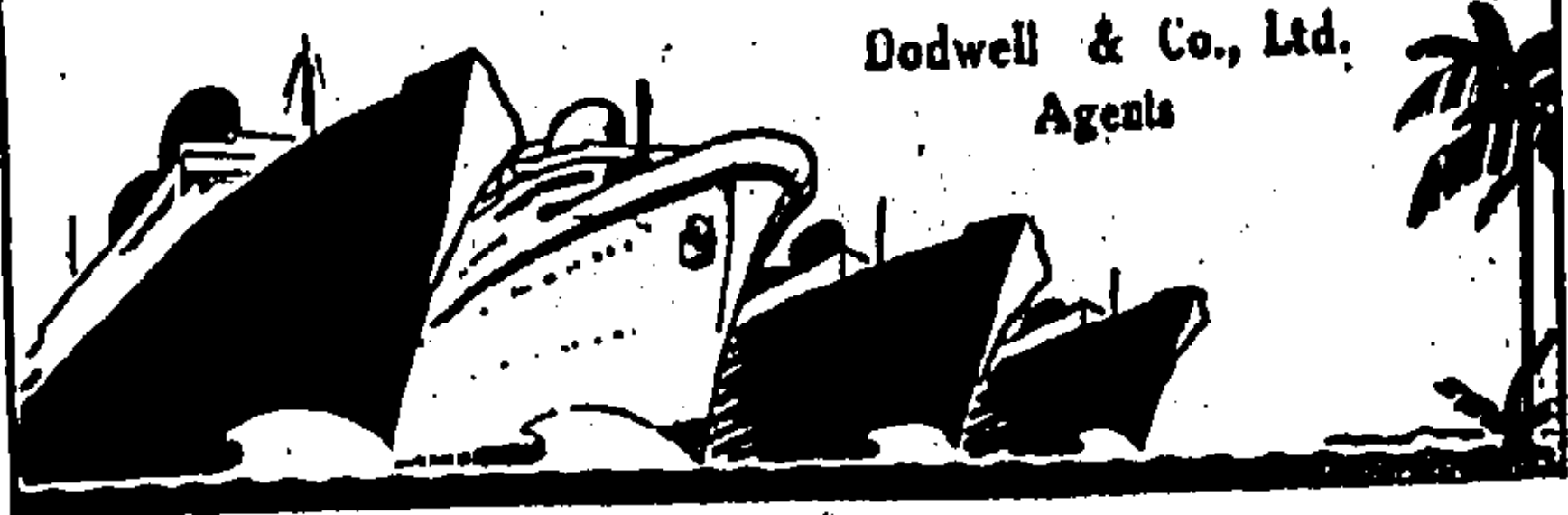
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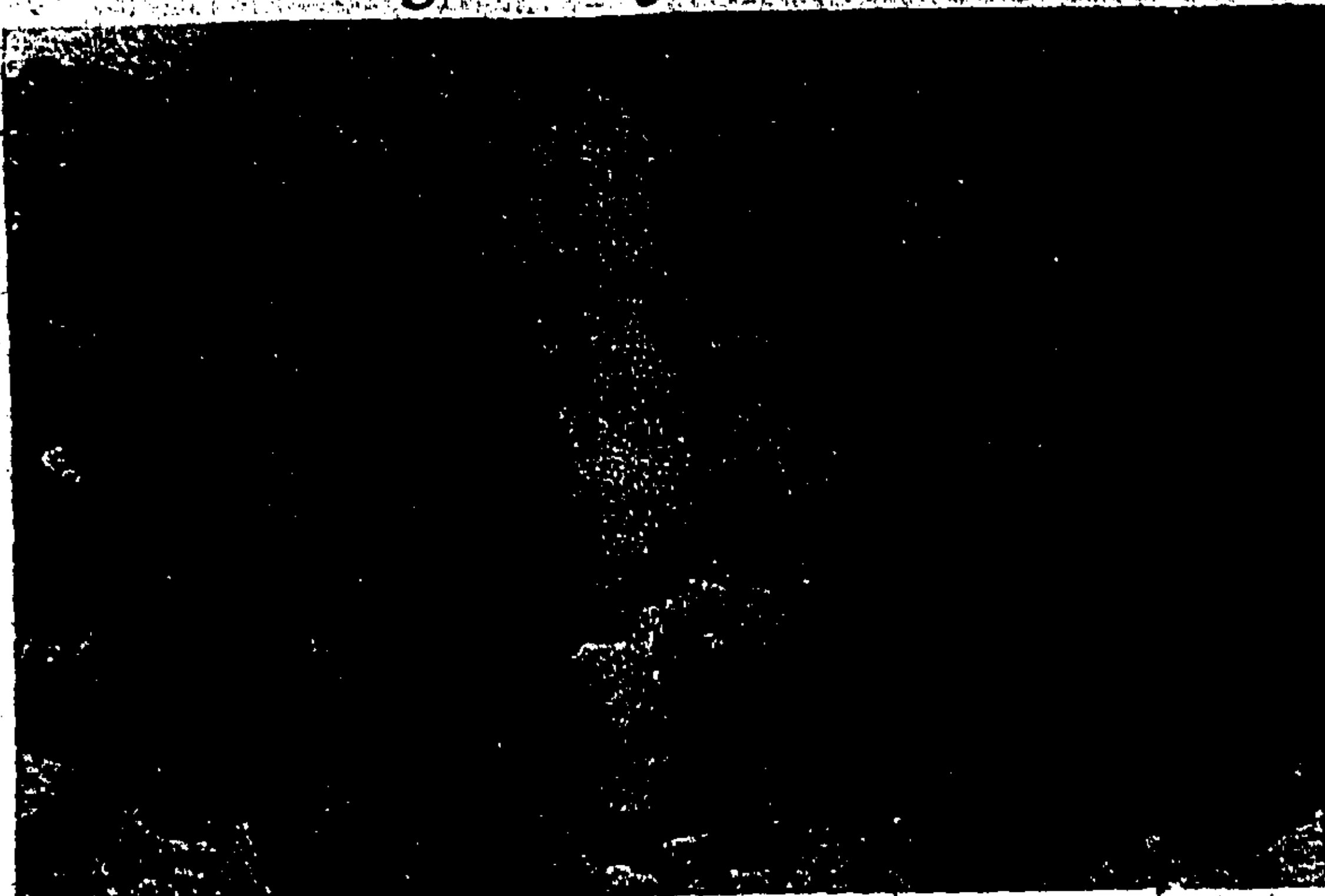
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The Evidence I Shall Give

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They lived in a lawless, savage, hand-to-mouth existence, looking for food only when they were hungry.

And now she stood beside her man who was in danger.

The two policemen, stepped up each side of Wolf. "You'd better come quiet." They nodded at a car in the road.

Naomi tigerishly dug her strong fingers into the sergeant's arm. "What you going to do?" she shrielled, baring her straight white teeth as though, if necessary, she would use them.

Hostile gipsies hemmed in the group now, ready to back up Wolf should he break away. The sergeant threw Naomi's hand off his arm, and Wolf's face grew thunderous.

Seeing it the sergeant blew his whistle sharply, and the heads of a dozen policemen appeared round the camp.

The gipsies hesitated, and the dangerous moment passed. Wolf shot a word at Naomi in his rough, booming voice, and obediently she hung back. Unafraid for himself, he felt a stabbing ache for her distress, and it showed in his green eyes, in the hands which trembled when metal bracelets were clicked on to his wrists.

After he had gone Danny came to Naomi. "Sure, an' it's meself as'll be lookin' after ye while Wolf's away," he suggested respectfully. It was his love for Wolf, not his love for Naomi, that prompted that offer.

Naomi put her head on one side. Danny was always thinking out things so far ahead. He washed his own clothes, too, not like Wolf, who wore his things till they were green. Danny made plans for the day after tomorrow. But she had no need to worry about who was going to look after her yet. Was not her cooking-pot full?

Though when Danny had gone she skipped into the caravan to preen herself—all natural, without any trace of powder or make-up, as she was in front of a stained, cracked little bit of mirror she kept there.

Wolf came up for trial at the

October Assizes, and the case against him was black.

He stood in the dock, with people's eyes seeming to sting him from all sides, while the voice of the clerk of assize rang out:

"Wolf Finnigan, you are charged that you did, on Tuesday the sixth day of June in this year, at or near Maple Common in this county, murder George Alfred Snell. How say you? Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Not guilty."

After that he was allowed to sit down. His horny hands, with their square, brittle nails, rasped together between his knees, as he listened to the case for the prosecution being unfolded. icy scalding waves of emotion went through him—hope, elation, terror and despair. And a glass of water was all that was allowed to keep up the courage of a man on trial for his life.

He thought of Naomi, with a fierce pang of longing. The barrister acting for his Sovereign Lord the King called a long and formidable line of witnesses, and from them he elicited the following story.

On Tuesday, the sixth of June, a farmer near Maple Common had given a day's casual labour hoeing turnips to Wolf Finnigan, who had brought his own hoe, brandied with his initials, to do the job. This was the hoe later found in a ditch by that same turnip field.

At twelve o'clock that day, Wolf had gone back to the gipsy camp for his dinner, to find the deceased making unwelcome advances to the girl Naomi.

Wolf, listening now to that evidence being given, let his mouth curl upwards in an expression of pain and disgust. His throat felt so constricted he could hardly swallow.

He had come upon Snell making love to Naomi. At Wolf's appearance, Naomi had flung herself sobbing on to his shoulder. She had not needed to tell him anything. He had seen it all in Snell's evil face.

There had followed, so the prosecution disclosed, a terrific quarrel between the deceased and

the prisoner, during which the victim threatened, and tried to kill the deceased, but was beaten off, as Snell was armed with a cudgel. Remembrance of that savage quarrel made Wolf's lips tremble now.

The prosecution called the next witness. (This villager stated that Wolf Finnigan went back to his hoeing at one o'clock, and at five he returned without his hoe. As the barrister for the prosecution explained later, when addressing the jury, "This, I suggest, was done on purpose, Finnigan having left his hoe out there, ostensibly by mistake, but really so that he might later murder Snell with it, when that man returned from his nightly visit to the public-house. It would have been too incriminating had Finnigan been seen going or returning with a hoe at ten at night. Afterwards, I suggest, Finnigan hid his hoe in a ditch by the turnip field so that, if found, he could say that he had lost it there after hoeing.")

Witness followed witness, until there entered the box a boy who stated that he had seen a fight between two men soon after ten o'clock on the night of the murder. As it was summer he was able to see that it was a large man who was the aggressor.

"O' seen 'e got red hair, tew, but o' ain't a-go'in' to swear to 'is face."

Wolf's hands tightened their hold of each other as that evidence was given. The green eyes darkened with anguish.

Wolf's barrister then opened his defence by showing that the deceased was a hated man, and might have been murdered by anybody—a man who had served twenty years for killing someone himself, in fact.

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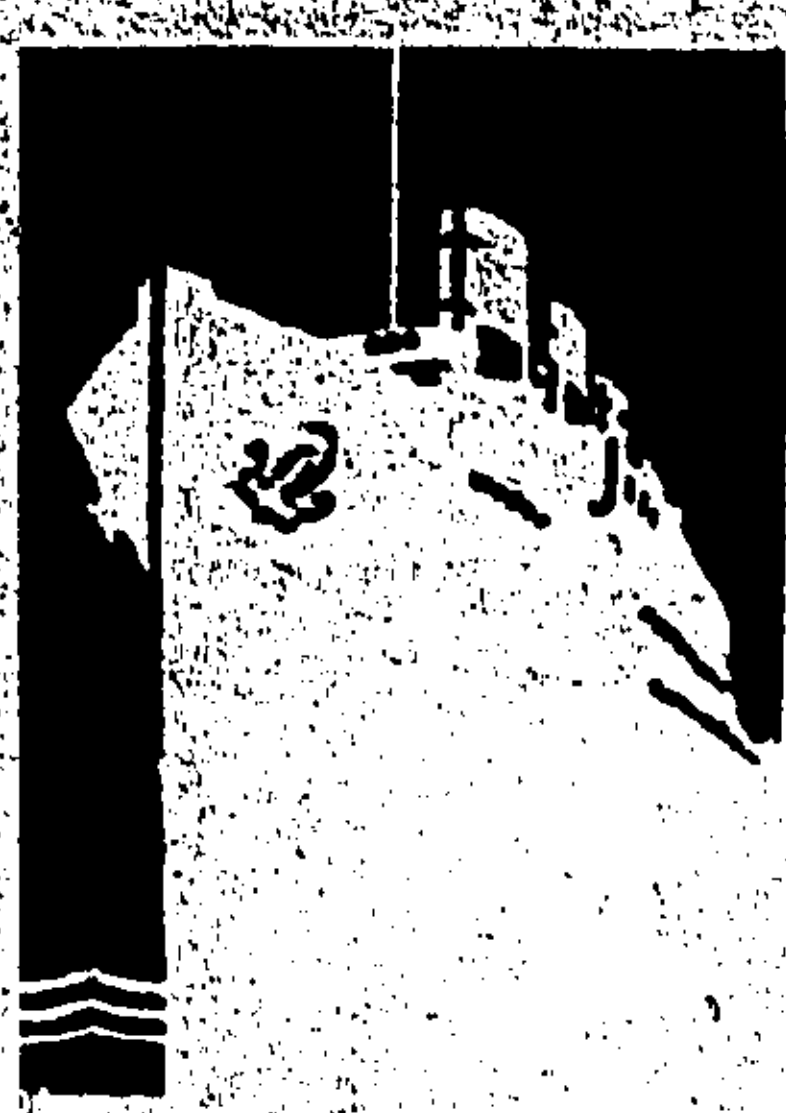
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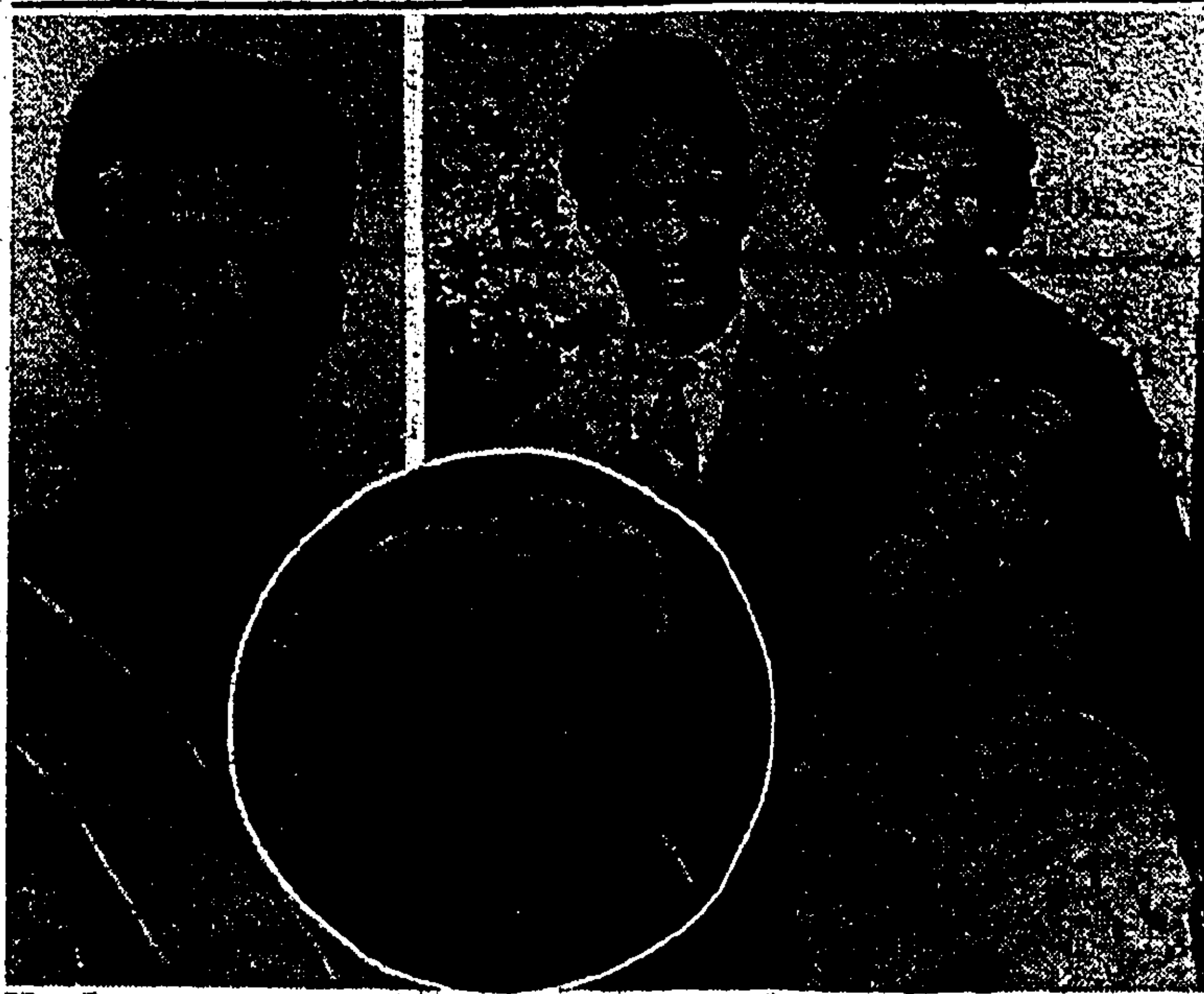
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Although his succession to the throne was tragic and sudden, Leopold III, new King of the Belgians, who becomes the youngest monarch in Europe, is well prepared to take up the sceptre. Since he was 13, when he fought with the Belgian Army in the World War, the young Prince had been trained in statecraft and military affairs to fit him for the position that was to be his. He has travelled extensively in Belgian colonies and in America, where he was a guest of Mr. Herbert Hoover in 1919. Leopold's marriage to Princess Astrid of Sweden in 1926 was Europe's most brilliant event of the year. The new Belgian rulers have two children, Princess Josephine, aged six, and Prince Baudouin Albert. Like his late father, Leopold he'ds the affection of his subjects for his democracy and his concern for the welfare of the people.

The Evidence I Shall Give

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He then called witness to establish an alibi for his client.

Wolf could not possibly have done the murder, so his barrister elicited from several witnesses, because he was in bed in one of the caravans at the time, while the girl Naomi mended his only pair of trousers.

Naomi herself swore to Wolf's presence in the caravan at the time of the murder, and several Maple Common cottagers attested to having seen her sitting on the steps of his caravan with the check trousers in her hand.

"Yes. Oi remembers it very clear."

And who indeed would be likely to forget it—Naomi, blue-eyed and barefooted, crouched on the steps of the grimy, gaudy caravan in an attitude of natural wild grace—her hair with that vividly bleached bit in front—the tarnished imitation jewellery at her neck and in her ears.

She was smoking a pipe, too, and her dirty little hands sewed busily at the check trousers.

From inside the caravan had come Wolf's very characteristic booming voice.

The jury, without retiring, returned a verdict of not guilty. Wolf's cheeks, under the tawny skin, went fish-white as he heard that decision.

He was discharged at once. Outside the court Naomi was waiting for him in her best frock, be called as a witness for the de-

of faded blue. She would have looked lovely in green, but she was far too superstitious to wear it.

Together they hurried back to the camp to tell Dan of Wolf's acquittal. Dan, of course, had not been able to be present at the trial. They found him striding the camp in a fever of anxiety, and he leapt forward when he saw them. The eyes of the two brothers met over the head of the woman they both loved.

And there the whole matter might have ended, if the warder who had sat with Wolf in the dock had not chanced to enter a village pub. just when a tawny tattooed giant was leaving.

The warder smiled at the barmaid, who was evidently on terms of intimacy with the red-headed Finnigan. "Got a new pair of bags, he have."

"What? Who? Oh, Danny."

"Wolf Finnigan, ain't he?"

"No. That's Danny. Wolf's his twin brother—the one as was tried for murder."

So the fact, which the gipsies had till then carefully concealed, that Wolf had a twin brother, leaked out.

That evening Dan was arrested for the Maple Common murder, and the case came up at the same court where his brother had been acquitted.

When the trial opened Naomi was not in court. She was waiting to her to establish Wolf's alibi at that

fence. Her shoe-eyes glowed. Not many women are the cause of two murder trials in consecutive assizes.

In court, with Danny in the dock, looking so like his brother, it might have been a film record of that first trial.

But this time there was a startling difference.

The barrister rose for the defence, and called Dan and Naomi to give their evidence first.

"I have only one more witness to call, my lord," he announced then. "Wolf Finnigan, the prisoner's brother."

Wolf Finnigan, his lips bitten white, lifted the Bible in his right hand.

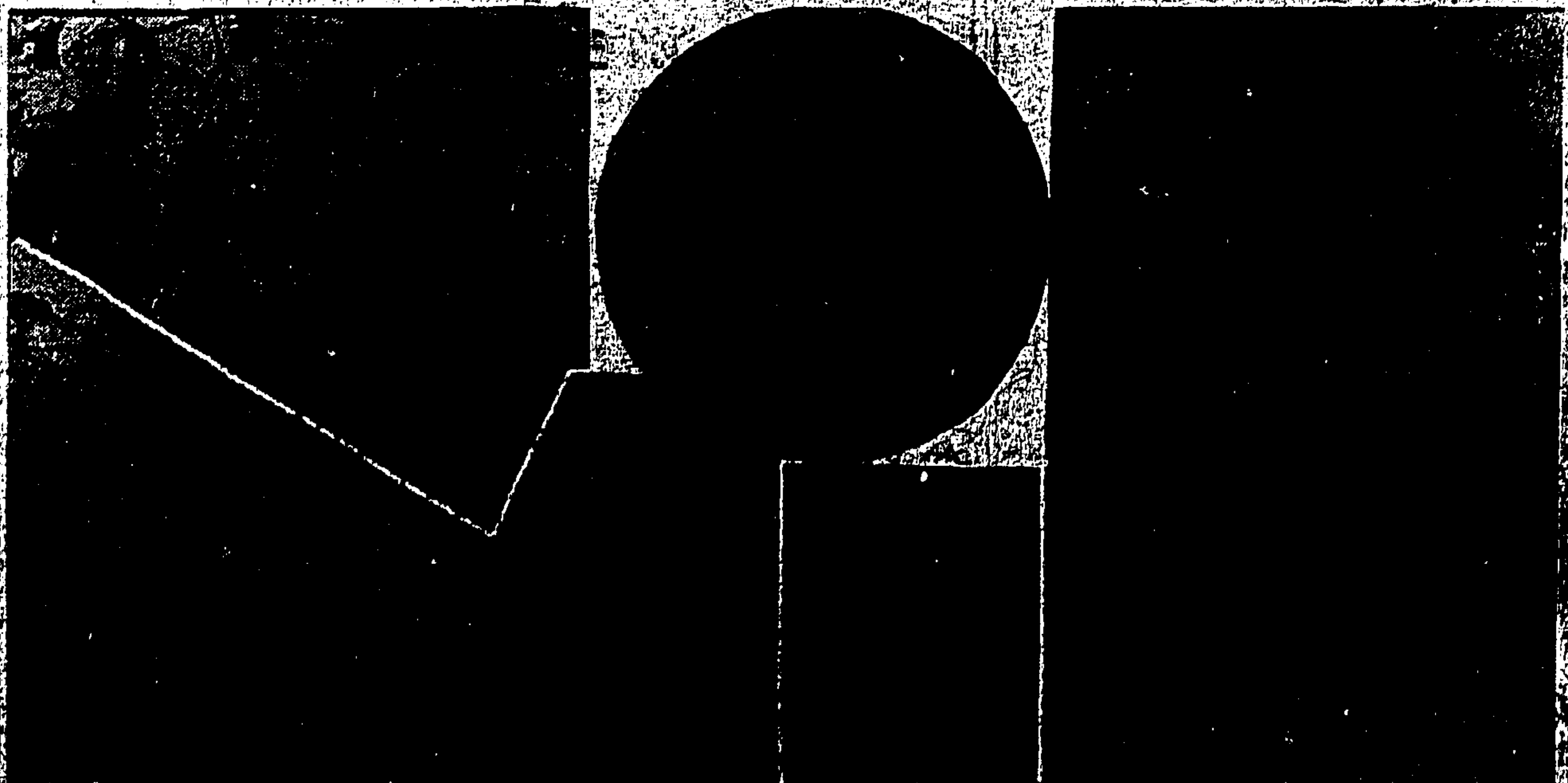
"I swear by Almighty God that the evidence which I shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

He then stated that on the night of the murder, just before ten o'clock, he had told his brother that he wanted to prepare an alibi—in case he was caught—as he was going poaching. So it was Danny who lay in the caravan that evening and called out to passing Maple Common villagers, who thought it was his brother, while Naomi mended the check trousers outside.

As Naomi had already admitted in her evidence to-day, she readily perjured herself at Wolf's trial to secure his acquittal, and no passing cottage of those who had helped her to establish Wolf's alibi at that

trial had actually seen the face of acquit. A man in England cannot be re-tried for a crime of which he has been previously acquitted. Wolf Finnigan stood up in court that day and saved his brother's life by confessing that he himself did do the murder after all.

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The orders are divided between Messrs. Dorman Longs and the Cargo Fleet Iron Company. Tenders for £20,000 worth of machine tools for the Canton-Hankow Railway are being considered.

Four passenger train locomotives will shortly be ordered for the Hangkiang Railway.—Reuter.

SIR ESMOND OVEY'S NEW APPOINTMENT

Brussels Ambassador.

London, To-day.
His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Sir Esmond Ovey, lately His Majesty's Ambassador Extra-Ordinary and Plenipotentiary at Moscow, to be Ambassador Extra-Ordinary and Plenipotentiary at Brussels, and Minister at Luxembourg.—British Wireless Service.

SIGNATURES TO EUROPEAN PROTOCOLS

Austrian Action Questioned.

BRITISH INTEREST

London, To-day.
The signature on Saturday, in Rome, of political and economic protocols between Italy, Austria and Hungary, was referred to in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

A question was asked regarding their bearing on the undertaking given by Austria in the 1922 protocol, not to alienate its independence, and to abstain from any negotiations, and from any engagement calculated, directly or indirectly, to compromise its independence.

Sir John Simon in reply said that he has not yet received the full text, but so far as he was at present aware, it did not conflict with any undertaking given by Austria in the 1922 protocol.—British Wireless Service.

PRESIDENT'S SON HAS OPERATION

New York, To-day.
Mr. John Roosevelt, son of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, yesterday underwent a successful operation for appendicitis.—Reuter.

CHINA'S NOTE TO BRITAIN.

Revision Of Commercial Agreement.

PROVISIONS OUT OF DATE

London, To-day.
In the House of Commons, yesterday, the Conservative Member for Whitehaven, Mr. W. Nunn, asked for information regarding the Chinese Government's note requesting a revision of the commercial agreement.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, in a written reply, states that the note refers to the Treaty of Tientsin, of 1858, and the Commercial Treaty of 1902.

It states that these treaties contain important provisions which are out of date and, in order to secure conformity with actual conditions, new equal reciprocal treaties should be concluded.—Reuter.

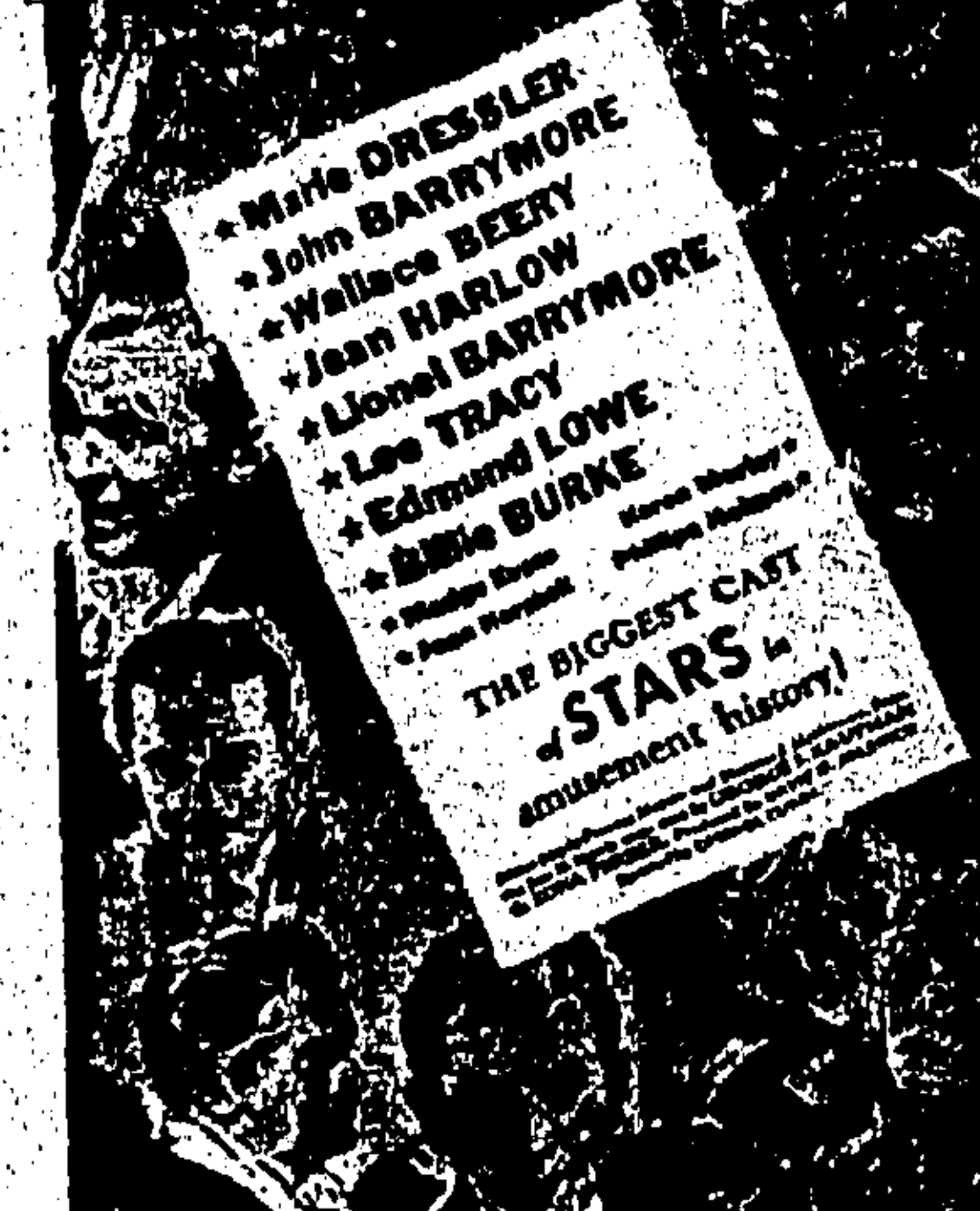
FRENCH ATTITUDE ON DISARMAMENT.

Note To Britain.

London, To-day.
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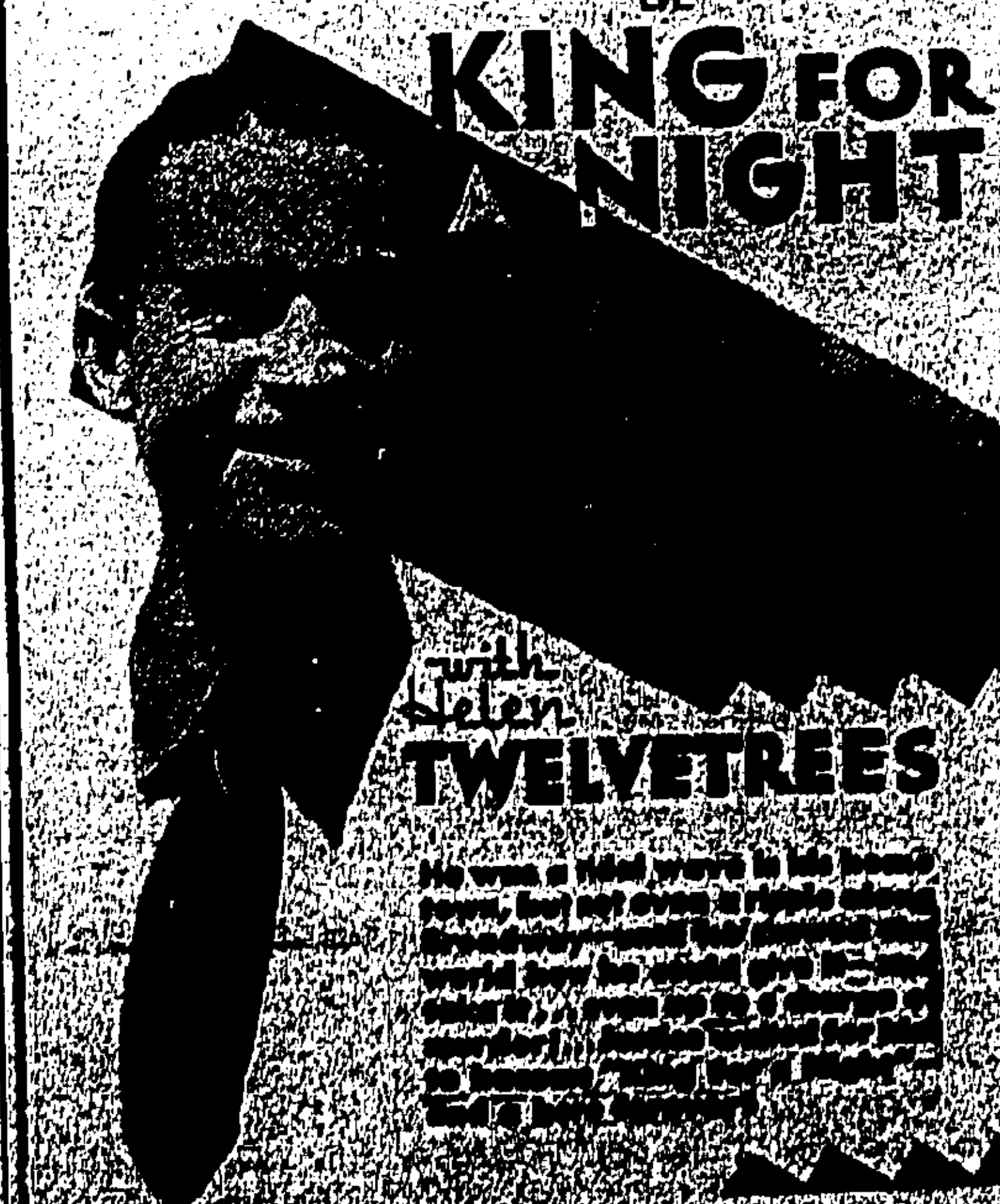
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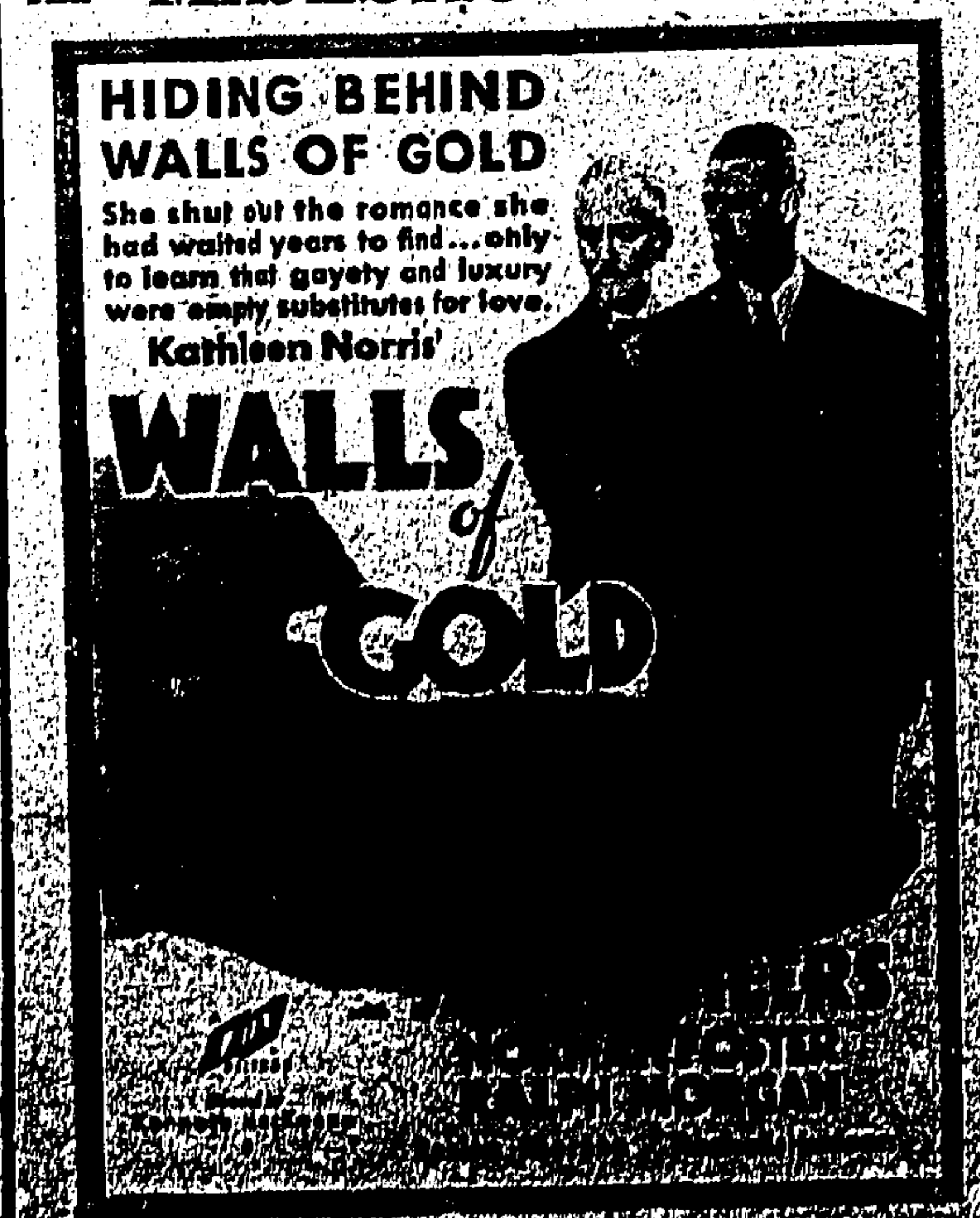
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